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ISMAIL J. RAMSEY (CABN 189820) GRANTED 1 United States Attorney MICHELLE LO (NYRN 4325163) 2 Chief, Civil Division Judge Thomas S. Hixson VALÉRIE E. SMITH (NYRN 5112164) 3 Assistant United States Attorney 4 450 Golden Gate Avenue, Box 36055 San Francisco, California 94102-3495 5 Telephone: (415) 436-6985 FAX: (415) 436-6478 6 Dated: 3/8/2024 Valerie.smith2@usdoj.gov 7 Order is GRANTED. The Clerk shall Attorneys for Defendant terminated the case. 8 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT 9 NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA 10 SAN FRANCISCO DIVISION 11 CASE NO. 23-cv-2936 TSH US RIGHT TO KNOW, 12 STIPULATION OF SETTLEMENT 13 Plaintiff, 14 ٧. UNITED STATES DEFENSE 15 INTELLIGENCE AGENCY, 16 Defendant. 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28

STIPULATION OF SETTLEMENT AND RELEASE

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IT IS HEREBY STIPULATED by and between the undersigned Plaintiff and Defendant, by and through their respective attorneys, as follows:

- 1. Defendant shall pay \$10,000.00 (TEN THOUSAND DOLLARS) to Plaintiff in full and complete satisfaction of Plaintiff's claims for attorneys' fees, costs, and litigation expenses under the Freedom of Information Act ("FOIA"), 5 U.S.C. § 552, as amended, in the above-captioned matter. This payment shall constitute full and final satisfaction of any and all of Plaintiff's claims for attorneys' fees, costs, and litigation expenses in the above-captioned matter, and is inclusive of any interest. Payment of this money will be made by electronic funds transfer promptly after notification of the Court's entry of this Stipulation and after receipt of necessary information from Plaintiff to effectuate the payment. Defendant will make all reasonable efforts to make payment within sixty (60) days after Plaintiff's counsel has provided all necessary information to effectuate the payment.
- 2. Upon the execution of this Stipulation, Plaintiff, having received the records it requested, hereby releases and forever discharges Defendant, its successors, the United States of America, and any department, agency, or establishment of the United States, and any officers, employees, agents, successors, or assigns of such department, agency, or establishment, from any and all claims and causes of action that Plaintiff asserts or could have asserted in this litigation, or which hereafter could be asserted, with regard to the specific FOIA requests on which this action is based or the records sought thereby, including but not limited to all past, present, or future claims for attorneys' fees, costs, or litigation expenses in connection with the above-captioned litigation.
  - 3. The provisions of California Civil Code Section 1542 are set forth below:
  - "A general release does not extend to claims that the creditor or releasing party does not know or suspect to exist in his or her favor at the time of executing the release and that, if known by him or her, would have materially affected his or her settlement with the debtor or released party."
- 4. Plaintiff having been apprised of the statutory language of Civil Code Section 1542 by Plaintiff's attorney, and fully understanding the same, nevertheless elects to waive the benefits of

any and all rights Plaintiff may have pursuant to the provision of that statute and any similar provision of federal law. Plaintiff understands that, if the facts concerning any injuries, liability for damages pertaining thereto, or liability for attorneys' fees, costs or litigation expenses are found hereafter to be other than or different than the facts now believed by it to be true, this Stipulation shall be and remain effective notwithstanding such material difference.

- 5. Execution of this Stipulation and its approval by the Court shall constitute dismissal of this case with prejudice pursuant to Fed. R. Civ. P. 41(a).
- 6. The parties acknowledge that this Stipulation is entered into solely for the purpose of settling and compromising any remaining claims in this action without further litigation, and it shall not be construed as evidence or as an admission on the part of Defendant, the United States, its agents, servants, or employees regarding any issue of law or fact, or regarding the truth or validity of any allegation or claim raised in this action, or as evidence or as an admission by the Defendant regarding Plaintiff's entitlement to attorneys' fees, costs, or other litigation expenses under FOIA. This Stipulation shall not be used in any manner to establish liability for fees or costs in any other case or proceeding involving Defendant.
- 6. This Stipulation is binding upon and inures to the benefit of the parties hereto and their respective successors and assigns.
- 7. If any provision of this Stipulation shall be held invalid, illegal, or unenforceable, the validity, legality, and enforceability of the remaining provisions shall not in any way be affected or impaired thereby.
- 8. This Stipulation shall constitute the entire agreement between the parties, and it is expressly understood and agreed that this Stipulation has been freely and voluntarily entered into by the parties hereto. The parties further acknowledge that no warranties or representations have been made on any subject other than as set forth in this Stipulation.
- 9. The persons signing this Stipulation warrant and represent that they possess full authority to bind the persons on whose behalf they are signing to the terms of the Stipulation.
- 10. This Stipulation may not be altered, modified or otherwise changed in any respect except in writing, duly executed by all of the parties or their authorized representatives.

1	11. It is contemplated that this Stipulation may be executed in several counterparts, with a
2	separate signature page for each party. All such counterparts and signature pages, together, shall be
3	deemed to be one document.
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5	IT IS SO STIPULATED.
6	PUBLIC JUSTICE
7	DATED: February 13, 7074  By:
8	DAN C. SINYDER Public Justice
9	Attorneys for Plaintiff
10	ISMAIL J. RAMSEY United States Attorney
11	DATED: March 6, 2024 By: Valerie E. South
12	VALERIE E. SMITH
13	Assistant United States Attorney Attorney for Defendant
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15	*In compliance with Civil Local Rule 5-1(i)(3), the filer of this document attests that each signatory has concurred in the filing of this document.
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